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**EVENT: Sentencing**

**Defendant: Natalia Odish**

### **NOVI WOMAN SENTENCED FOR HOAX THREAT**

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A Novi woman was fined \$2,000 today for making false statements to the FBI in connection with a hoax threat, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Natalia Odish, 33, was sentenced by Judge Victoria A. Roberts.

Odish was also placed on probation for one year and ordered to undergo anger management counseling, Murphy said.

Odish pleaded guilty in April to falsely denying to the FBI that she had left a recorded telephone message at a British Petroleum Oil Refinery in Oregon, Ohio, on March 8, 2005. During the plea hearing, Odish admitted that she had left the message, in which she falsely stated that two employees there were "plotting some very bad terrorist activities towards the refinery." Ms. Odish stated during the plea hearing that she had formerly dated one of the two employees named in the telephone message. Both of the employees are of Middle Eastern descent.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "Given the importance attached to citizen complaints and voluntary information regarding matters as serious as terrorism investigations, it is crucial that such tips are honest and accurate. As today's result shows, we consider any

false or fabricated reports in these areas to be grave matters and those responsible are subject to felony prosecution.”

The case was investigated by special agents of the FBI.